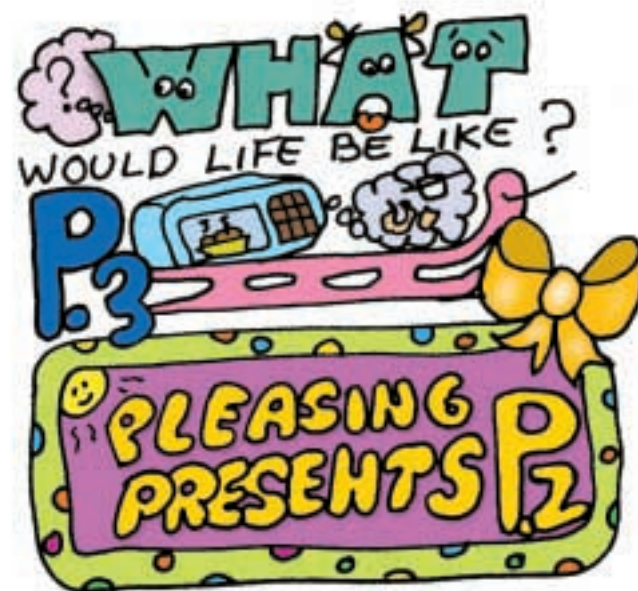


Trash Talk!

hi kids!



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In October, the State of Kansas moved about 1,000 employees, including everyone in the Bureau of Waste Management, to a new office building, the Signature Building in downtown Topeka. As you can imagine, moving 1,000 people and everything in their offices creates a lot of extra waste!

The packing process began with "Clean Your Files" days. Employees went through their desks and filing cabinets, sorting through old papers. Unneeded and unusable papers and file folders were placed in boxes for recycling. Even though we in state government have been recycling in our offices for several years, we still found a lot that we didn't need and could recycle instead of pack! In fact, during the move, Hunter Recycling picked up 35,000 pounds of paper.

Reusable supplies, including notebooks, binders, paper clips, and other office supplies, were placed in boxes. Employees sent out e-mails to let others know



what was available. Other employees could e-mail back to request supplies or pick them up on a first-come, first-served basis. By doing this, we reduced the amount of waste related to the move AND saved taxpayers money on usable supplies!

As with any move, a new location means some new furniture. However, our old furniture didn't go to waste either. Some of the furniture was left behind for use by the Kansas Department of Health & Environment's Laboratory staff, which will be taking over the building we vacated. Other furniture is being refurbished for use by various state agencies. What wasn't needed has been delivered to the state

surplus area, which is run by the Department of Corrections. After a waiting period, items in surplus are available for sale at minimal fees to businesses and citizens. These surplus items are available at a huge savings! What kind of things can be found at the surplus? It varies, but common items include cars, trucks, tools, desks, tables, industrial kitchen equipment, couches, chairs, clocks, measuring equipment, drafting tables, computers, and much more!

So you can see, even while we were moving, we were working hard to reduce, reuse, and recycle!

We've moved!

**Our new address is:
Kansas Department
of Health & Environment
Bureau of Waste Management
1000 SW Jackson, Suite 320
Topeka, KS 66612**

**Our phone and fax numbers and e-mail
address stayed the same.**



PEASING PRESENTS

Instructions: We need help completing this special holiday message. Each white gift box with a red bow contains a suffix. Finish the incomplete words in the paragraph with the suffixes provided. Remember to cross out the suffix after you use it. What does the message say?

Skip the shopp _____ mall this season. The best gift you can give is your time and energy. Your parents might like a hand _____ scoop made from a bleach bottle or a use _____ bird feed _____ made from a plastic soft drink bottle. Your little brother and sister might enjoy you read _____ their favor _____ books on week _____ mornings. The best gift is to give gener _____ of yourself.

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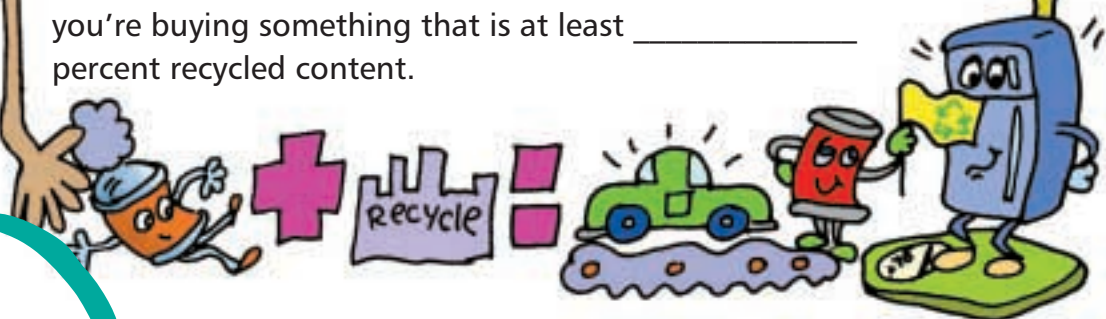
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MISSING MATH

Steel is one of America's most recycled materials. Every year, about 18,000,000,000 steel cans are melted and turned into new products. This means _____ cans are recycled every hour. Cars and appliances also contain steel. The steel in an average refrigerator weighs _____ pounds—25 pounds more than a child who weighs 75. Every ton of steel recycled conserves at least 4,020 pounds of raw materials, including 2,500 pounds of iron ore, _____ pounds of coal, and 120 pounds of limestone. New steel cans and other products contain at least one-quarter recycled content and can be recycled over and over again! Whenever you buy steel products, you're buying something that is at least _____ percent recycled content.



Wine, Up!

Instructions: Can you crack the code to find three ways to make less trash? First, solve all the math problems. Second, place the answers in order from least to greatest on the wavy lines below the correct number line. Third, write the letter that is in the box with the answer on top of the number line. Fourth, read the words. If you do these three things, you won't be so trashy!

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WHAT WOULD LIFE BE LIKE?



We all use machines in our everyday lives. Whenever you pound in a nail with a hammer, you are using a simple machine. When you load the dishwasher or ride your bike to a friend's house, you're using a compound machine, one made up of several simple machines. (Compound machines are sometimes called complex machines.)

Choose one machine from your daily life. It can be a simple or compound machine. Remember—a machine doesn't have to have an engine; it just has to be able to help you do work.

My machine: _____

Here's how I use this machine: _____

This is what my life would be like without this machine: _____

Draw a cartoon about you and your machine. You might illustrate how you use the machine now; what you would do if you didn't have the machine; or how you would accomplish the work this machine does if it were no longer available. Be creative. Use some words, too.

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